

[Memo from Alan Lomax to Harold Spivacke, January 20, 1942]

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MEMORANDUM

From Archive of American Folk-song Division

To The Chief Of The Music Division

January 20, 1942

Dear Dr. Spivacke:

Woody Guthrie is living in New York City and is in contact with a number of singers of folk-songs. He has a recording machine available to him, and he suggested that we send him some blank records and some cutting needles so that he can record for us. He would record material from his own repertory which we do not already have, and a group of new ballads which he has composed within the last year. I believe the material that this group of records would contain would be an important addition to our collection. I therefore recommend that we send to Mr. Guthrie a box of twenty blank records and two sapphire cutting needles. The cost of this recording project will be:

20 12-inch acetate records \$13.80

2 sapphire cutting needles 2.50

Shipping costs 5.70

22.00

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Respectfully yours, Alan Lomax Alan Lomax Assistant in Charge Archive of American Folk-song

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